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FOREWORD

A Genealogy is an "individual proposition". No two people, except identical twins and sisters, have exactly the same Genealogy.

Each individual has 2 parents, 4 grandparents, 8 great grandparents, 16 great-greats, and so on in arithmetical progression. In 10 generations, every person has 2,048 direct ancestors; not to mention the thousands of collateral relatives such as uncles, aunts, cousins and "in-laws" of varying degrees. Each family has its own unique set of relatives; each man and wife has their own line of descendants, different from every other set. A family line could not be put in one large book, even if all records were available; it would be too complicated for easy understanding.

THE FAMILY OF

DR. SETH WESLEY

and

ISABELLE BROWN

S H I E L D S

J. A. Shields

In writing a Genealogy, one usually starts "end somewhere" and then work back to the beginning. In this booklet is the "family line" of Dr. SETH WESLEY SHIELDS, of Brownstown, Indiana. The "roots" of his line are traced as far as possible. The process was reversed, and the "family line" was followed from his earliest known ancestors to the present time.

In tracing this single family line it was necessary to visit many of the branches. A few aunts, uncles and cousins are mentioned, but many more are not even known. Where possible, some information is given about the "distaff" side of the various generations, but in many cases even the names of the "grandmothers" are not known. The purpose has been to follow the "direct male line" — that is, the SHIELDS.

However, as a matter of interest, some of the "female lines" are followed where information is available. This is especially true of the ancestry of MARY CHIPMAN, which runs back to The Mayflower.

It is hoped that the "reader" of this booklet may find it may be able to "trace" his own family line. What is treated as the "main line" of the SHIELDS family is the line of Dr. SETH WESLEY SHIELDS and his descendants.

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Seymour, Ind.

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Brownstown, Ind.

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F O R E W O R D

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Each individual has 2 parents, 4 grandparents, 8 great grandparents, 16 great-greats, and so on in arithmetical progression. In 10 generations, every person has 2,046 direct ancestors; not to mention the thousands of collateral relatives such as uncles, aunts, cousins and "in-laws" of varying degrees. Each family of brothers and sisters has its own unique set of relatives; each man and wife have their own set of descendants, different from every other set. A complete 10-generation Family Line could not be put in one large book, even if all the facts were available; it would be too complicated for easy understanding, anyway.

In writing a Genealogy, one must, paradoxically, first "end somewhere" and then work back to the beginning. The "selected family" for treatment in this booklet is that of the late SETH WESLEY SHIELDS, of Brownstown, Indiana. The "roots" of his family were traced backward as far as possible; then the process was reversed, and the "Family Line" was followed forward from his earliest known ancestors to the present time.

In tracing this single family line it was necessary to omit many of the branches. A few aunts, uncles and cousins are mentioned, but a great many more are not even known. Where possible, some information is given about the "distaff" side of the various generations, but in many cases even the names of the "grandmothers" are unknown. The purpose has been to follow the "direct MALE line" -- that is, the SHIELDS.

However, as a matter of interest, some of the "female lines" are followed where information is available. This is especially true of the ancestry of MARY CHIPMAN, which runs back to The Mayflower.

It is hoped that the "cousins" into whose hands this booklet may fall may be able to "connect" themselves and their families with what is treated as the "main line" herein.

There are several Shields Families in Jackson County and Southern Indiana, all more or less related, though sometimes distantly. A little space has been devoted to clarifying this inter-relationship; but in the main, this Genealogy has been prepared from the viewpoint of the family of SETH WESLEY SHIELDS and his descendants.

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T H E S H I E L D S F A M I L I E S

There are several Shields Families, of different origins and not related to each other. The Scandinavian, the English, and the Irish Shields Families are numerously represented in the United States, the Irish being by far the largest and oldest of the American Shields Families.

The Irish Shields, both Catholic and Protestant, are of the same origin. This Family traces its genealogy to about the second century, when a younger son of O'Brien, king of Munster, had the name SHIELDS conferred on him as a title of knighthood, whereupon he officially assumed and recorded it as his Family name. It is an ancient Irish word, meaning "polished, mannerly, cosmopolitan, educated, debonair." The title arose from the fact that the young man had traveled extensively and was broadly educated.

For many centuries during the Middle Ages various members of the Family were prominent theologians and teachers; but especially the Family was the "Guardian of Medical Secrets" -- it comprised the Chemists and Physicians Guild, strictly a Family affair.

FIRST The connected genealogy of the Family treated herein
GENERATION begins with William Shields, born on the shores of Lough
 Neagh, in County Armagh, Ireland, in 1600. (See Chart on
page 2). During most of his life he lived in County Antrim, where he died
in 1655, a victim of the Cromwellian persecution. He had four sons: Wil-
liam, James, Daniel, and John. Their descendants comprise the largest of
the American Shields Families.

John, the youngest son, born about 1650, started to America when a very old man, about 1738; he died on the ocean and was buried at sea. His family arrived at Baltimore and settled in Frederick County, Maryland. The most prominent of the descendants of this family is the late United States Senator John Knight Shields, of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Daniel was killed at The Battle of The Boyne, in 1690; his son became identified with the Spanish Army and was subsequently the Governor General of Cuba; his grandson settled in America and founded a numerous Catholic Shields family, the most prominent of his descendants being General James Shields, of Mexican and Civil War fame, personal and political enemy of Abraham Lincoln, and at various times a United States Senator from Illinois, Minnesota, and Missouri. He is buried at Carrollton, Mo.

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SECOND William's elder sons, William and James, were deported
GENERATION to the Barbadoes Islands by Cromwell's government, in 1655.
 In 1658 they obtained passage on a "chattel boat" (slave
ship) and landed at Williamsburg, Virginia. They were the first American
Shields, and both founded large Protestant families.

James, the younger of the two brothers, did not remain in Virginia, but settled in Kent County, Maryland. His descendants comprise the most

numerous branch of the American Shields Families, sometimes, for convenience, called "The Family of the Ten Brothers."

William, the older of the two Virginia immigrants, was the oldest of the four sons of William Shields of Ireland. He was born in County Antrim in 1630 and settled in Williamsburg, Va., in 1658, where he lived until his death in 1699. He engaged in the business of keeping a tavern and became a man of prominence in the colony. His first wife's name is unknown; their son James was Surveyor of York, prominently mentioned in the early History and Records of Virginia; among his descendants are U.S. President John Tyler, and John Tyler Page, author of the well known official "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag". William's second wife was a widow, Mary Norcott-Mason, whom he married when he was 65.

Mary Norcott was born in 1668. Nothing is known of her ancestors except that they came from England. She married Richard Mason in 1690; had a daughter Ruth, born May 3, 1691, and two other children who died young. After Mason's death, Mary married William Shields, the Williamsburg tavern keeper, and to them were born twins, a son and a daughter, April 17, 1696; they were named Delight and Comfort. The daughter Comfort died unmarried.

THIRD GENERATION Delight Shields, son of William and Mary Norcott-Mason, was born at Williamsburg, Va., April 17, 1696. After his father's death in 1699, the family moved to Accomac County, Virginia, where Delight married Jerusha Stalker, Jan. 1, 1719. She was born in Kent County, Maryland, Jan. 1, 1701.

Jerusha's father, Penn Stalker, was a native of Scotland and a Quaker. As a young man he went to Belfast, Ireland, where he was impressed as a sailor. In 1699 he deserted his ship in the James River and found refuge in York County, Va. Later he settled in Accomac County, then in Kent County, Md., and was a member of the Bradford Meeting (Chester County, Pa.). He and his wife Alice had six children, two of whom, Elisha Kent and Jerusha, lived to maturity. (Many of Elisha Kent Stalker's descendants now live in Southern Indiana). On her 18th birthday, Jerusha married Delight Shields. History drops an interesting note: "Delight's wife was a Quaker, so Baird (his half-sister Ruth Mason's husband) got the slaves."

FOURTH GENERATION Delight and Jerusha Stalker had a son, John Shields, born in Accomac County, Va., in 1719. This son John of Accomac married Mary Chipman about 1747. Mary was the daughter of Perez Chipman and his first wife, Elizabeth Perry.

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The Robert Perry Bible records that he was born in England, Feb. 2, 1676; that his wife Leah Morris was born in Wales, Feb. 10, 1679; that they were married in the Colony of Maryland Feb. 10, 1699. Their children: Elizabeth, Morris, Leah, Margaret, Mary. Elizabeth, born Dec. 20, 1699, was the first wife of Perez Chipman. Their daughter Mary Chipman married John Shields of Accomac, son of Delight and Jerusha Stalker Shields.

(It is interesting to note that Mary Perry, born May 4, 1712, married Norcott Baird, who was the son of Ruth Mason, Delight Shields' half-sister. Margaret Perry, born Oct. 21, 1710, married John Shields of Rockingham

County, grandson of the immigrant James Shields, and they were the grandparents of "The Ten Brothers").

The Chipman ancestry of Mary, the wife of John Shields of Accomac, has been traced back through five generations to the Mayflower, in 1620; hence, all of her descendants are recognized as "Mayflower Descendants". Her father, Perez Chipman, was the son of John Chipman and Mary Skiff. Two of John Chipman's grandparents (John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley), and two of his great grandparents (John Tilley and his wife Elizabeth), came in the Mayflower. Mary Skiff's great grandfather was Richard Warren, a Mayflower immigrant. Thus, five of Mary Chipman's ancestors were Mayflower passengers. (See chart, page 2).

John Shields of Accomac and his wife Mary Chipman had three children:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Married</u>
Abel	Feb. 7, 1748	Grace Freeman
Reuben	June 29, 1750	Mary Moore
Elizabeth or Perusia	Oct. 12, 1753	

FIFTH GENERATION Abel Shields, son of John and Mary Chipman, was born in Sussex County, Delaware. There, on Sept. 23, 1773, he married Grace Freeman, who was born in that County Sept. 22, 1750. This family settled in Rowan County, North Carolina, on the Yadkin River. When they did so is not known; it is known that their son Reuben was born there in 1788.

Many Quakers and Baptists from Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, including some of the Stalkers and Lewellings from Kent County and some of the Shields from Rockingham County, emigrated to "The Yadkin Settlements" between 1760 and 1780, seeking religious tolerance and relief from burdensome taxation. Also, at about this time, several Coffin families from Nantucket Island, Mass., settled in North Carolina. The most important Quaker-Baptist settlement was in western Guilford County, some 40 miles northeast of Rowan County, and evidently the Abel Shields family later moved there, as the deaths of both Abel and his wife Grace are recorded at Kernersville, N.C. He died May 7, 1833; she died May 20, 1830. They had nine children, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Married</u>
John	Feb. 20, 1775	Martha Haisley, 1796
Mary	Dec. 22, 1776	John Haisley
Sarah	May 18, 1779	Jonathan Sell, 1795
Elizabeth	July 7, 1781	
Rachel	Feb. 19, 1783	John Sell
Ann	May 28, 1786	George Hubbard
Reuben	Dec. 21, 1788	Grace Johnson
Deborah	Oct. 18, 1789	David Roberson, 1812
Grace	Jan. 20, 1793	John Leight, 1834

Deborah was David Roberson's second wife; his first wife was Deborah's cousin Mary, daughter of Reuben and Mary Moore Shields.

DESCENDANTS OF ABEL AND GRACE FREEMAN SHIELDS

The Chart on page 2 shows the Ancestors of Abel Shields. This Chart shows some of his Descendants -- covering four generations, but "following through" only on the "line" of Seth Wesley Shields, Abel's great grandson.

The names in CAPITALS follow the direct line from ABEL to SETH WESLEY.

		(John	(John	(John
		(Emmeline	(	(Emmeline
		(Phoebe	(	(Phoebe
		(David M.	(	(David M.
		(Susannah	(	(Susannah
	(John	(ABEL SHIELDS)	(SETH W. SHIELDS)	
	(Mary	((m))	((m))	- *
	(Sarah	(Penninah Winslow)	(Isabelle Brown)	
ABEL SHIELDS)	(Elizabeth	(	(	
	(Rachel	(Mary	(Elisha F.	
(m))	(Ann	(Rachel	(James Milton	
	(	(Archibald	(Margaret	
Grace Freeman)	(REUBEN SHIELDS)	(Sarah	(Sherman P.	
	((m))	(David	(Marion	
	(Grace Johnson)	(William		
	(	(Jacob		
	(Deborah	(Reuben		
	(Grace	(Nancy		
		(Wesley		
		(Cloah		
		(Milton		
		(Cadwalender		
		(Aquilla		
		(Elizabeth		

* The Chart on page 8 continues with the Descendants of
SETH WESLEY and ISABELLE BROWN SHIELDS.

SIXTH GENERATION Reuben Shields, son of Abel and Grace Freeman, was born in Rowan County, N.C., Dec. 21, 1788. He married Grace Johnson in Rowan County. She was the daughter of Archibald and Mary Idol Johnson; the granddaughter of John Barnett Idol and Elizabeth Meier Idol. Reuben's family (wife and first five children) moved to Washington County, Indiana, probably in the spring of 1818. Reuben and his wife (and probably some of the children) returned to North Carolina for a brief time about 1826 where a son was born July 1, 1827, who died in Kentucky while they were en route back to Indiana. Reuben died in Washington County, Ind., in 1868. They had 17 children, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Died at</u>	<u>When</u>
John	North Carolina	Jan. 8, 1811	Wash.Co., Ind.	1889
Abel	"	May 5, 1812	"	1879
Mary	"	Oct. 10, 1812	"	1892
Rachel	"	Dec. 21, 1814	Holt Co., Mo.	
Archibald	"	Oct. 3, 1817	Wash.Co., Ind.	1894
Sarah	Washington County, Ind.	Jan. 30, 1819	"	
David	"	Jan. 26, 1821	Scott Co., Ind.	1879
William	"	Jan. 31, 1823	Holt Co., Mo.	1879
Jacob	"	Nov. 15, 1824	"	
Reuben	North Carolina	July 21, 1827	Kentucky	1827
Nancy	Washington County, Ind.	Nov. 9, 1828		
Wesley	"	Sept. 5, 1830	California	1914
Cloah	"	April 5, 1833	Wash.Co., Ind.	
Milton	"	May 5, 1836	Kansas	
Aquilla	"	Dec. 22, 1834	Wash.Co., Ind.	
Cadwalender	"	May 18, 1837	"	
Elizabeth	"	Nov. 18, 1838		

Following is a record of marriages, as far as known, of the above children of Reuben and Grace Johnson Shields:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Married</u>
John	Deborah Coffin	Sarah	Winslow
Abel	Penninah Winslow	David	Nixon
Rachel	James Hopkins	William	Elizabeth Goodman
Archibald	Spurgeon; Weston	Jacob	Elizabeth Nelson
		Elizabeth	Jay Fleenor

SEVENTH GENERATION Abel Shields, second of the 17 children of Reuben and Grace Johnson Shields, was born in North Carolina, May 5, 1812. He came with his parents to Indiana about 1818; they settled a few miles east of Salem, Washington County. There he married Penninah Winslow. He died in Washington County in 1879. They had eleven children, all born in Washington County, Indiana:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Married</u>
John		Seth Wesley	Isabelle Brown-Owens
Emmeline	James Gibbons	Elisha F.	
Phoebe	Matthew Thompson	James Milton	Meedy Green
David M.		Margaret	
Susannah	Cartwright	Sherman P.	Mary Boling
		Marion	Ruth Nixon; Amanda Boling

DESCENDANTS OF SETH WESLEY SHIELDS

(Continued
from Page 6).

SETH WESLEY SHIELDS and
Isabelle Brown - Owens

(JOSEPH I. CUMMINGS)
((m)) - CAROL CUMMINGS
(Irma Drake)
(ETHEL AGNES SHIELDS) (CATHLEEN CUMMINGS)
((m)) - ((m)) - (LINDA STANG
(Robert Stang) (CATHLEEN STANG
(D. J. Cummings) (CHARLES E. CUMMINGS)
((m)) - DAVID JOSEPH CUMMINGS
(Margaret Devens)
(SETH W. SHIELDS) (SETH W. SHIELDS
(Ora Jane Brown) ((m)) - ((m))
(Bonnie Cox) (Muriel Trueblood
((m 1st)) - (JANE SHIELDS) (MONA JANE DILLMAN
(HARRY SHIELDS) ((m)) - (ROBERT HOLLY DILLMAN
(Robert Dillman) (MALCOLM DILLMAN
((m 2nd)) - JUNE SHIELDS
(Mona Robertson) (RICHARD ROBERTSON) (RICHARD R. ROBERTSON
((m)) - (JOHN HENRY ROBERTSON
(Cora Brodhecker) (MARY SUE ROBERTSON
(EDITH P. SHIELDS) (CHARLES ROBERTSON)
((m)) - ((m)) - (JUDITH ROBERTSON
(Roscoe Robertson) (Rosalind Rennley) (JERRY ROBERTSON
(JOSEPH E. ROBERTSON
((m))
(Virginia Baxter
(CHARLES EDMOND SHIELDS
(MARGARET SHIELDS) (JAMES P. HELLER) (SARAH JANE HELLER
((m)) - ((m)) - (JAMES RANDOLPH HELLER
(John W. Heller) (Mildred Inez Gossman)
(JACK E. SHIELDS) (JACK SHIELDS
(SCOTT W. SHIELDS) ((m)) - (JERRY KAY SHIELDS
(Beatrice Petticord) (JOSEPH SHIELDS
((m)) - (THOMAS SCOTT SHIELDS)
(Faye Emerson) ((m)) - (THOMAS SHIELDS
(Margaret Murphy) (SUSAN SHIELDS
(JEWEL CATHLEEN SHIELDS (m) Lee L. Longacher
(LAWRENCE HAUER SHIELDS

T H E S E T H W E S L E Y S H I E L D S F A M I L Y

EIGHTH Seth Wesley Shields, son of Abel and Penninah Winslow
GENERATION Shields, was born April 1, 1851, in Monroe Township, Wash-
 ington County, Indiana. He married Isabelle Brown Owens
February 5, 1879. She was born Nov. 26, 1846, died July 22, 1906.

The old house in which he was born and spent his boyhood is still standing. From boyhood he was very ambitious and aggressive, and having decided he did not want to farm, in 1872 he went to New Albany to begin the study of Dentistry under Dr. D. Green. He began his practice at Mitchell, Ind., and in 1875 opened an office in Brownstown, Ind., where he spent the rest of his life. Some of his friends, Charles Benton, Frank Brannaman, and Matt Hamilton, helped sew the strips of ingrain carpet with which the floor was covered. He purchased the latest equipment, and traveled over Jackson County and into Brown County, making dentures and educating the people on the necessity of care of their teeth. He often said he would never pull a tooth he could save. His skill became known far and wide, and soon all his time was spent in his office; he practiced 30 years before taking a vacation. He was always interested in the new things; a progressive citizen, always taking an active part in all community activities: among them, being a promoter of the old car line connecting Ewing and Brownstown; the first canning plant; combining the two schools as the Brownstown High School; a leader in keeping the County Seat at Brownstown; and incorporating the two towns, Brownstown and Ewing, into one town -- Brownstown.

In 1915 Dr. Shields attended the National Dental Convention held in New York City and was elected President of The Pioneer Society of Dentists, composed of the 36 pioneer dentists present. Seth W. was reared in the Quaker faith but in 1894 became a member of the Brownstown Presbyterian Church, of which he was an active member during the remainder of his life, singing in the Choir and holding various offices. He was a 50-Year member of Knights of Pythias, also a Mason; a man of strong character, high ideals, and progressive thinking, living a life that his children are glad to follow; they take great pleasure in honoring him by banding together in a Family Society to carry forward the torch he has thrown to them.

Eight children blessed the marriage of Seth W. and Isabelle, one, Charles Edmond, dying in infancy. No man acquires the success he did without a helpmeet. Isabelle was of equally good pioneer background, a descendant of the Fislar family which came to America in 1732. The Fislars located at New Bethlehem, Clark County, Ind., in 1797, and at Silver Creek established the first Baptist Church in the Northwest Territory. She was also a descendant of the Allen Campbell family, through the Beard, Weathers and Brown families. In fact, Alexander Campbell, a 5th cousin, founded the Christian Church, of which many of her family are members -- her son Harry a Trustee, Margaret the Treasurer of the Building Fund, Ethel, Lawrence, and grandson James P. Heller Trustee and Deacon. Seth W. and Isabelle's children were as follows:

Ethel Agnes, born Jan. 31, 1880
Harry Seth, born May 28, 1881
Edith Penninah, born Sept. 24, 1882
Charles Edmond, born 1884

Margaret Brown, born Sept. 9, 1886
Scott Wilkerson, born Apr. 9, 1889
Jewel Cathleen, born Dec. 18, 1890
Lawrence Hauer, born Oct. 7, 1893

NINTH GENERATION HARRY SETH SHIELDS, eldest son of Seth W., elected to follow in his father's footsteps, and graduated from the Indiana University School of Dentistry. He joined a partnership with his father, in Brownstown. In 1903 he married Ora Jane Brown; to this union were born two children, Seth W., III, and Jane. In 1913 he married Mona Alice Robertson; to this union was born a daughter, June, who died in infancy.

Seth W., III, son of Harry Shields, is engaged in the practice of dentistry, in partnership with his father, in Seymour, Ind. He graduated from Indiana University; was at first Dental Interne in the Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis; a writer, sportsman and farmer; he married Bonnie Cox and has a son, Seth W., IV, now a Junior in Purdue University, who married Muriel Trueblood.

Jane, daughter of Harry Shields, married Robert Dillman. She is a Registered Nurse, resides in Oklahoma City, Okla. They have three children: Mona Jane, Robert Holly, and Malcolm.

SCOTT W. SHIELDS, son of Seth W., followed his father's profession, joining the Brownstown partnership with him and Harry; subsequently, when their father retired, the two brothers continued the partnership. Scott died Oct. 6, 1943. He was one of the organizers of the Indiana American Legion, having volunteered and served during World War I as 1st Lieutenant; also a member of Brownstown School Board, the Board of State Dental Examiners, the Masonic and the Pythian Lodges, and the Presbyterian Church. He married Faye Emerson in 1911. They had two sons, Jack E. and Thomas Scott, of whom he would have been very proud had he lived.

Dr. Jack E. Shields is now practicing medicine in Brownstown; he graduated from Brownstown High School and Indiana University Medical College; served two years in the Medical Air Corps, with his brother Tom, in Italy, in World War II. He married Beatrice Petticord, daughter of Rev. Earl Petticord, and they have three children: Jack, Jerry Kay, and Joseph.

Dr. Thomas Scott Shields is an Ear, Nose and Throat specialist in Richmond, Ind. He married Margaret Murphy; they have two children, Thomas and Susan. He served five years in the Medical Air Corps in World War II, was discharged as Lieutenant Colonel. He graduated from Brownstown High School, Indiana University Medical College, and Johns Hopkins University.

LAWRENCE HAUER SHIELDS, son of Seth W., became the family traveler, traveling all over the world; joined the U.S. Navy, was honorably discharged; volunteered in World War I, saw active service at The Marne, in Argonne, St. Mihiel, where he performed service "beyond the call of duty" and was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action. He is a member of the Christian Church, the Masonic Lodge, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He never married. He is most dearly loved and revered by all the children of the family -- all are "his" boys and girls.

JEWEL CATHLEEN, daughter of Seth W. Shields, married Lee L. Longacher. She is a woman of rare charm and fascinating personality, of whom it has been said - When you meet Jewel you have met a friend and she never loses you. Having no children of their own, the Longachers are greatly loved by all the nieces and nephews. Both are active in church and community affairs, members of the Presbyterian Church, Lee being an Elder.

MARGARET BROWN, daughter of Seth W. Shields, married John W. Heller, now deceased. She is a woman of great executive ability. She has served

as an officer in all County, District and State Departments of the American Legion Auxiliary, except the office of State President, which she refused. She is a member of Eastern Star, having held all chairs in that Order; a member of Past Matrons' Club of the Eastern Star; Treasurer of the Building Fund of the Christian Church, of which she has been a member 41 years. Mr. Heller was a member of an old pioneer family, helped organize The Brownstown Brick, Tile & Hollow-ware Co., and The Medora Brick Co., being Vice President of these concerns until his death. He died in 1948, on the farm and in the house in which he was born, that farm having been in his family for 125 years.

They have one son, James P. Heller, a graduate of Brownstown High School. He served two years in the Quartermaster's Corps during World War II; is now President and General Manager of both of the above named brick plants; a member of the Christian Church, serving as Trustee, and Deacon; member of the American and the Elks Lodge; married Mildred Inez Gossman, a Registered Nurse. They have two children, Sarah Jane, and James Randolph.

EDITH PENNINAH, daughter of Seth W. Shields, married Roscoe Robertson. (The Shields and Robertson families began to marry as early as the 18th century.) Aunt Edith, (as she is lovingly called by young and old, even by new comers) is the mother of three fine boys; she is active in community projects in Brownstown, particularly in the Presbyterian Church, of which she has been a member 55 years, has taught a Class for 40 years, has been President and held all other offices in the Missionary Society; she is known for her charities and love of young people, setting an example to all by her right living. Roscoe Robertson and his three sons are engaged in business -- The Ewing Mill Company; he is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and the Masonic and Elks Lodges, and is actively interested in all progressive community affairs. The children of Edith and Roscoe Robertson are Richard Shields, Charles Roscoe, and Joseph Edmond.

Richard graduated from Brownstown High School and Wabash College, is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and the Elks Lodge; he married DeAlba Cora Brodhecker, and they have three children, Richard Robert, John Henry, and Mary Sue.

Charles graduated from Brownstown High School and Wabash College; is a member of the School Board, President of the Building & Loan Association, a member of the Presbyterian Church; he married Rosalind Rennley and they have two children, Judith, and Jerry.

Joseph E. graduated from Brownstown High School and Kansas State College; is a member of the Elks Lodge, and the Presbyterian Church; is active in Boy Scout and community affairs; served as 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, in World War II. He married Virginia Baxter.

ETHEL AGNES, daughter of Seth W. Shields, married Dr. D. J. Cummings. She might be known as "Presidential timber," having served as President of eleven organizations at various times. It was she who conceived the idea of THE SHIELDS SOCIETY OF S. W. SHIELDS and ISABELLE BROWN SHIELDS, which now comprises 52 members, the 1951 meeting being the third Annual Meeting. She is a High School graduate, served as Deputy Postmaster in Ewing Post Office, is a Charter Member of the first socially organized Club in Brownstown, which was the second culture club in Jackson County; she was an active member of the Presbyterian Church for 43 years, serving as Teacher, Pianist, President of the Missionary Society, etc.; she subsequently transferred her membership to the Christian Church when her husband became an

Elder. A staunch Democrat, she was 2nd Vice County Chairman of the Jackson County organization, President of the largest Democratic Women's Club in the State, a delegate to the State Convention, and the first woman Presidential Elector in Indiana, elected in 1933. She attended the social functions honoring for the first time in history the Electors, at Washington, D.C., in March, 1933. She is also Vice President of the State Democratic Woman's Club, a Charter Member of the Parent-Teacher Association, serving as County President nine years and District Chairman one year. She was the first President of the Women's Medical Auxiliary of Jackson and Jennings Counties; a Charter Member of the Daughters of American Colonists; first and only member of the Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants in Jackson County; Regent of General Jacob Brown Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, attending the National Congress in Washington, D.C., in 1935, as a delegate. She is interested in many community affairs and war activities, but first and last is devoted to family and home. Dr. D. J. Cummings (Uncle Joe) has been a practicing physician in Brownstown for 50 years. He is a 50-Year Mason, for 36 years County Health Officer, an Elder in the Christian Church, member of County, State and National Medical Associations; was a volunteer in World War I, with the rank of Captain. Their children are Joseph Irwin, Cathleen, and Charles E.

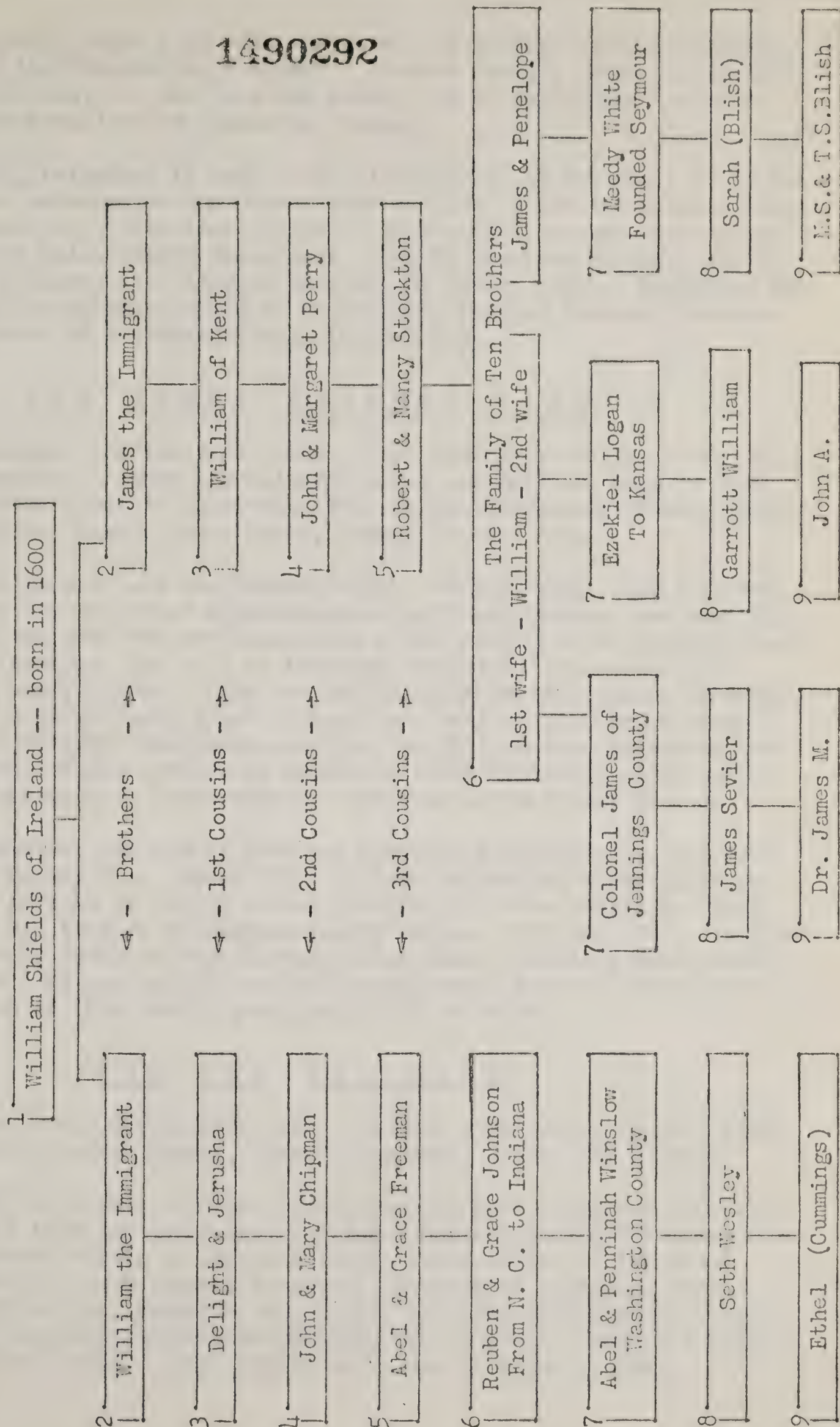
Joseph I. is an alumnus of Cumberland University and Indiana University; served in the Navy in World War II, Lieutenant, Senior Grade; is First Vice President of Empire Life Insurance Co., Indianapolis, and active in numerous community projects. He married Irma Drake and they have one child, Carol.

Cathleen married Robert Stang; she is an alumna of Ward Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn., was first President of Sunshine Girls in Brownstown School; member of the Christian Church, and Past President of Kappa, Kappa, Kappa Sorority. They have two daughters, Linda, and Cathleen.

Charles E. is an alumnus of University of Mississippi; served in World War II with rank of Sergeant; member of Elks, Masons, and Presbyterian Church; owns and operates a drug store in Sabina, Ohio. He married Margaret (Peggy) Devens; they have one child, David Joseph, III.

SETH WESLEY and ISABELLE BROWN SHIELDS had seven children, eleven grandchildren, all born and reared in Brownstown, Indiana, and graduated from Brownstown High School. At their graduation, their Grandfather gave each grandchild a \$5 gold piece. All of the grandchildren are married, and all except one have children. All attended college. The Shields family is widely known as one of the most distinguished in Jackson County, and all acknowledge that it is only through the mercy of God, our most loving Heavenly Father, that these blessings have been enjoyed.

This skeleton Chart shows the descent, by Generations, of the "Brownstown Shields" (Left), and the "Seymour Shields" (Right), from the common ancestor, William Shields, of Ireland. Figures indicate Generation Numbers.



I N T E R - R E L A T E D F A M I L I E S

The preceding pages deal with the genealogy of what, for convenience, may be called the "Brownstown Shields". Another Family, prominent in Jackson County, Indiana, for the past 140 years, may be called the "Seymour Shields". The Families are distantly related.

On page 3, reference is made to William Shields of Ireland. He is the nearest common ancestor in the direct Shields line of the two Jackson County Shields Families. (See Chart, page 15.) Two of his sons, William and James, were the Williamsburg immigrants. The "Brownstown Shields" are descendants of William; the "Seymour Shields" of James. James' branch of the Shields Family is often referred to as that of "The Ten Brothers" because of the prominence of a certain family in that line.

T H E J A M E S S H I E L D S L I N E

James Shields, the immigrant, soon after landing at Williamsburg, Va., settled in Maryland. Among his children was a son William, born in 1668, who made his home first in Delaware, later in Chester County, Pennsylvania. William's children were: Jane, Eliza, Thomas, James, John.

John Shields was born in Chester County, Pa., in 1709. His wife was Margaret Perry, whose sister Elizabeth married Perez Chipman (see page 4). In 1740, John and his brothers Thomas and James settled in Rockingham County, near Harrisonburg, Va. All of them had families. John's children: John, Thomas, Mary, Robert. This son John settled on the Yadkin, in North Carolina, had a large family; one of his sons, Reuben, also had a large family, and about 1815 this Reuben and his son William came to Washington County, Indiana; others settled in Clark and Scott Counties; which has caused much confusion in "unscrambling" the Washington County Shields.

Robert Shields, the son of John and Margaret Perry Shields, was born in Rockingham County, Va., about 1740; in 1761 he married Nancy Stockton. They were the parents of the so called "Ten Brothers" -- really one girl and ten boys, all born in Rockingham County between 1762 and 1782. In 1784 the entire family moved to "the Western Wilderness", building Shields Fort on the spot that is now the village of Pigeon Forge, Sevier County, Tenn. A brief mention of this family group may be of interest.

T H E T E N B R O T H E R S

Robert and Nancy Stockton Shields' children were Janet, Thomas, Richard, David, John, James, Robert, Joseph, Benjamin, Jesse, and William.

JANET was the mother of John Tipton, who had more influence on early Indiana history than any other man. He was a General in the U.S. Army, U.S. Senator, U.S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the Northwest Territory, founder of Columbus, Logansport, and other cities, surveyed and platted the City of Indianapolis, established the boundary line between Indiana and Illinois. His full name was John Shields Tipton. Janet Tipton is buried at Seymour, Ind.

THOMAS was the only one of "The Ten Brothers" killed by Indians. Benjamin, Richard and Joseph remained in Sevier County, raising large families.

ROBERT came to Floyd County, Ind., where he lived 1808-15, then returned to Tennessee, becoming quite wealthy. Several of his children remained in Indiana.

DAVID settled in Louisville in 1808 and for many years operated a New Orleans flat-boat on the Ohio and Mississippi. That same year, Jesse settled at Mauckport, Ind., where he raised a large family.

JAMES and his sister Janet Tipton settled on the present site of Seymour in 1808, where he built Shields Fort, at what is now Ninth Street and the Pennsylvania Railroad. He prospered and acquired several thousand acres of land in the vicinity. His wife was Penelope White. Children: Meedy White, William, Elizabeth, Nancy, Polly. William was a member of the State Legislature. The best known of them was Meedy White Shields, who founded Seymour in 1852. Many of James' descendants live around Seymour. The late Meedy S. and Tipton S. Blish, of the Blish Milling Co., were grandsons of Meedy White Shields.

JOHN SHIELDS, of "The Ten Brothers", is perhaps most deserving of a place in American history. He was one of the little band of 29 men of the Lewis & Clark Expedition to Oregon in 1803-4; was the official scout and gunsmith of the party. On his forge he made the trinkets that were traded to the Indians that winter at Mandan, N.D., for food, which saved the Expedition from starvation.

WILLIAM SHIELDS, fourth oldest of "The Ten Brothers", was born in Virginia in 1768. He helped build Shields Fort in Sevier County, Tenn., in 1784, living there until he moved to Madison, Indiana, in 1808. His first wife was Margaret Wilson; they had nine children: Robert, William, James, Elizabeth, Nancy Agnes, Samuel, Rhoda, Rebecca, Janet. After a brief time at Madison, the family settled near Brewersville, Jennings County, where many of their descendants still live. The late Dr. James M. Shields of Seymour was a grandson of William's son, Captain James. Three of these sons had the contract for clearing the ground for building the original State Capitol of Indiana at Corydon.

William's first wife died in 1814 and in 1817 he married Amanda Logan, sister of Col. E. D. Logan of Washington County, Ind. They settled on Walnut Ridge, near Kossuth, where he died in 1824 and she in 1826. Their children were Sarah Jane, Jesse, and Ezekiel Logan Shields.

Ezekiel L. married Elizabeth Jane Elliott in 1848, settling at Rush Creek Valley. In 1871 he moved with his family of five children to Jackson County, Kansas, establishing what is now known as Shields Grove. Among William's great grandsons are Dr. Guy Wimmer, former President of Shurtleff College; John A. Shields of Seymour; J.W. Shields, Vice President of The U.S. Rubber Co., Detroit. A great-great grandson is Lt. Col. Lewis Walt, of the 1st U.S. Marines, for whose exploits was named the Battle of Walt's Ridge, the turning point of Japanese aggression in World War II.

The Chart on page 15 shows the inter-relationship of these various Shields families. For example: Reuben Shields the Washington County pioneer, and "The Ten Brothers", were 4th cousins; Abel Shields, Seth Wesley's father, was a 5th cousin of Meedy White Shields, founder of Seymour.

THE JOHN SHIELDS & DEBORAH COFFIN BRANCH

On page 7 reference is made to John Shields, son of Reuben and Grace Johnson Shields, who married Deborah Coffin. This Family is not in the direct line of SETH WESLEY SHIELDS. The following information concerns the Coffin-Shields branch of the Family.

John Shields, son of Reuben and Grace Johnson Shields, married Deborah Coffin. She was a descendant of the Coffin family, originally from Nantucket Island, Mass., and Guilford County, N.C., prominent Quakers and early settlers of Washington County, Indiana. John and Deborah Coffin Shields had 16 children, 15 of them being as follows:

Elizabeth Shields	Emmaline Shields	Archibald Shields
Deborah Shields	Priscilla Shields	Greenberry Shields
Mary Shields	Malinda Shields	John Shields
Penninah Shields	Seth Shields	Phoebe Shields
Nancy Shields	William Shields	

Elizabeth, daughter of John and Deborah Coffin Shields, married Joshua Warriner Nov. 22, 1854. They had 11 children, born in the years named:

William Warriner, 1857	Lorena Warriner, 1866	Joseph Warriner, 1877
Deborah Warriner, 1859	Ransom Warriner, 1868	Elizabeth Warriner, 1880
Mary Warriner, 1861	Eliza Jane Warriner, 1871	Susanna Warriner, 1895
Archibald Warriner, 1864	John Henry Warriner, 1874	

Mary Warriner, daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth Shields Warriner, married Charles Dobbins Dec. 30, 1883. They had 9 children as follows:

William Dobbins, 1884	Charlotte Dobbins, 1889	Chloe Dobbins, 1894
Margaret Dobbins, 1886	Delilah Dobbins, 1891	Elmer Dobbins, 1895
Zella Dobbins, 1887	Lee W. Dobbins, 1893	Roscoe Dobbins, 1898

Margaret Dobbins, daughter of Charles and Mary Warriner Dobbins, married John Keith. Their 6 children:

Ralph W. Keith, Married	Miller
Roy L. Keith, deceased	
Elsie J. Keith, deceased	
Alice Keith, married	Quinn
Vaughn C. Keith	

Alice Keith Quinn, daughter of John and Margaret Dobbins Keith, lives in Seymour, Ind., and teaches Commercial subjects in the Clear Spring (Jackson County) High School.

